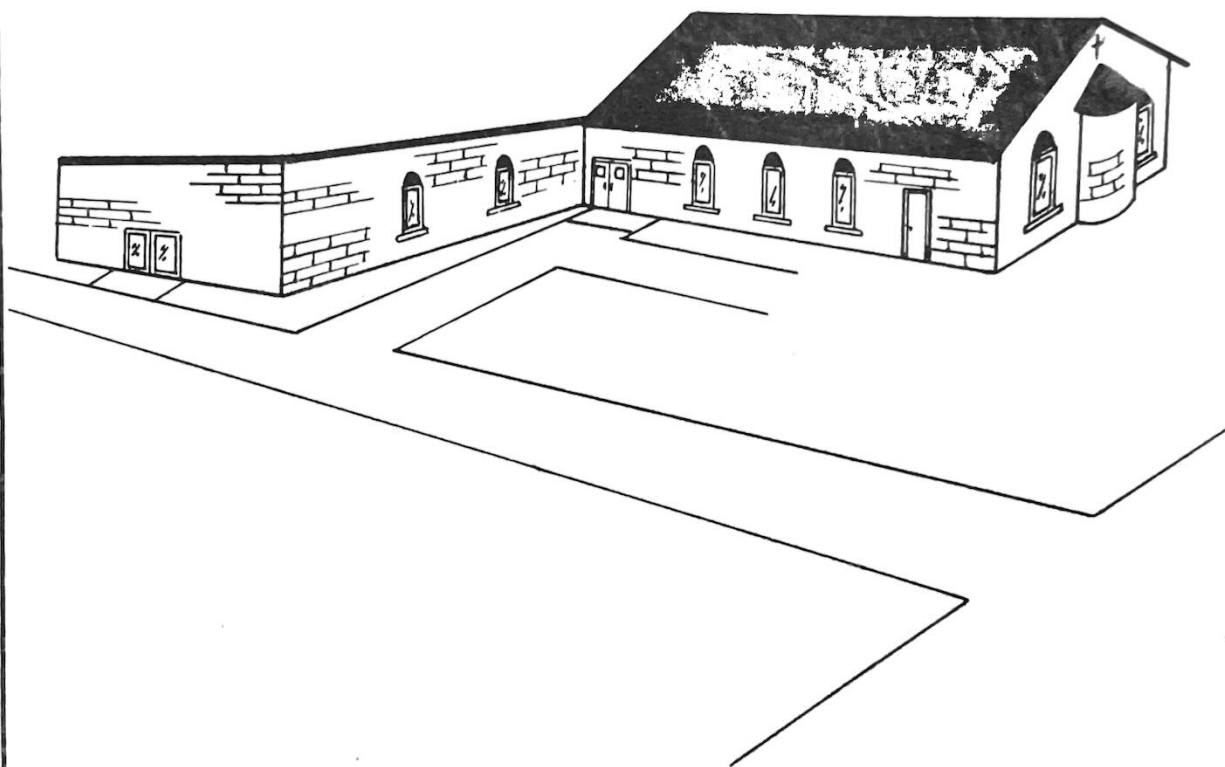
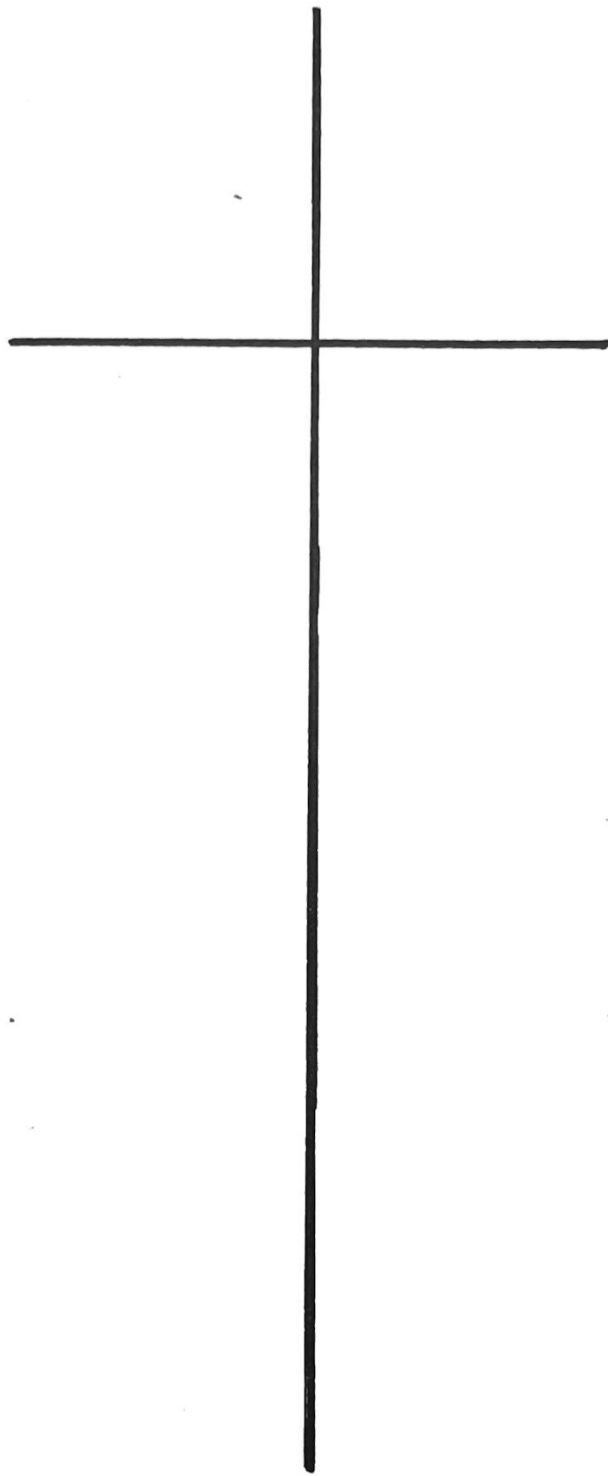


# **ST. CLEMENT OHRIDSKI AMERICAN-MACEDONIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**



**Consecration Commemorative  
August 9, 1981**





**The Consecration of  
St. Clement Ohridski  
American-Macedonian Orthodox Church  
Sunday, August 9, 1981  
Merrillville, Indiana**



### **TROPAR OF ST. CLEMENT:**

*With your words you have lead people to have faith in God.  
With your deed you were elevated toward divine and blessed  
life.*

*With miracles you have educated those who faithfully  
followed you, most gloriously, giving light by signs to  
the darkness.*

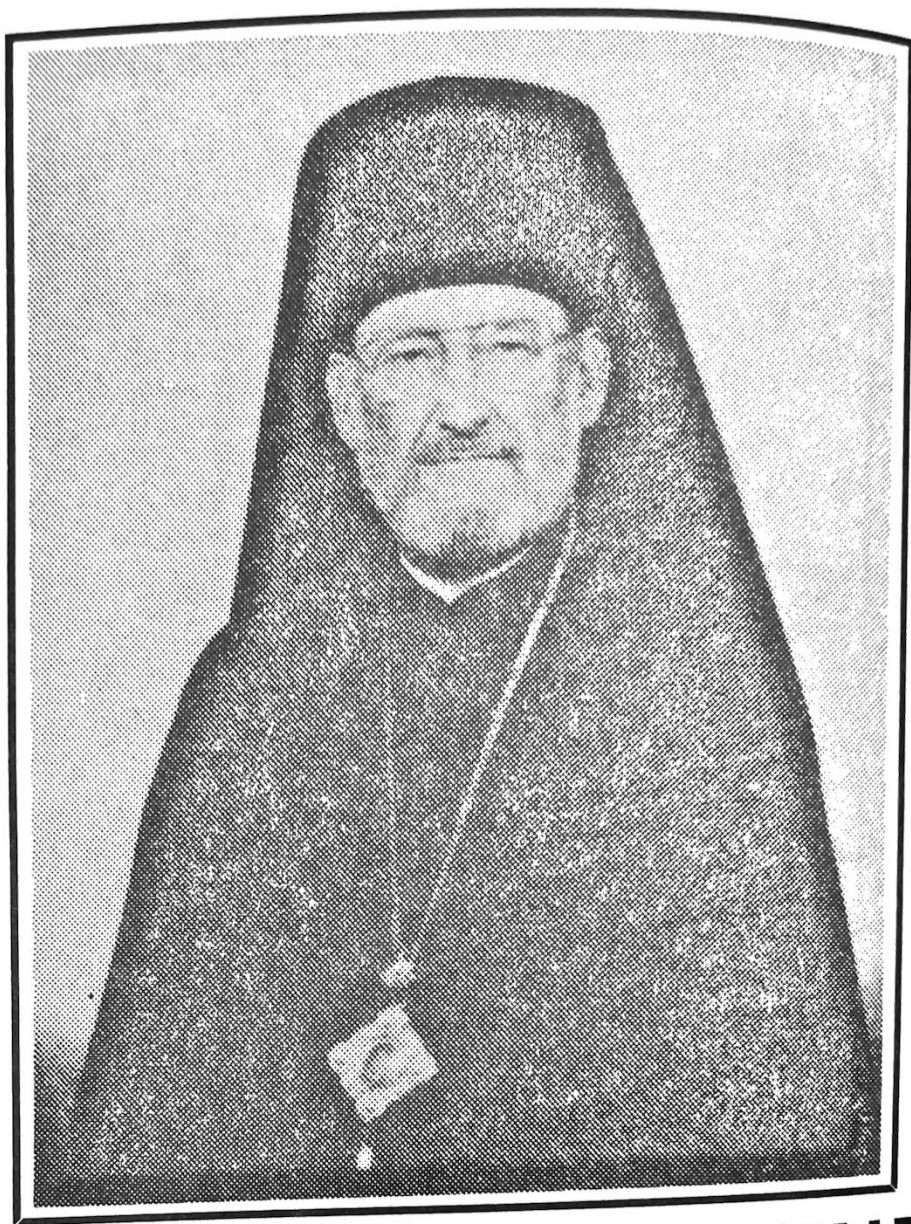
*For this we glorify your divine memory, Clement.*





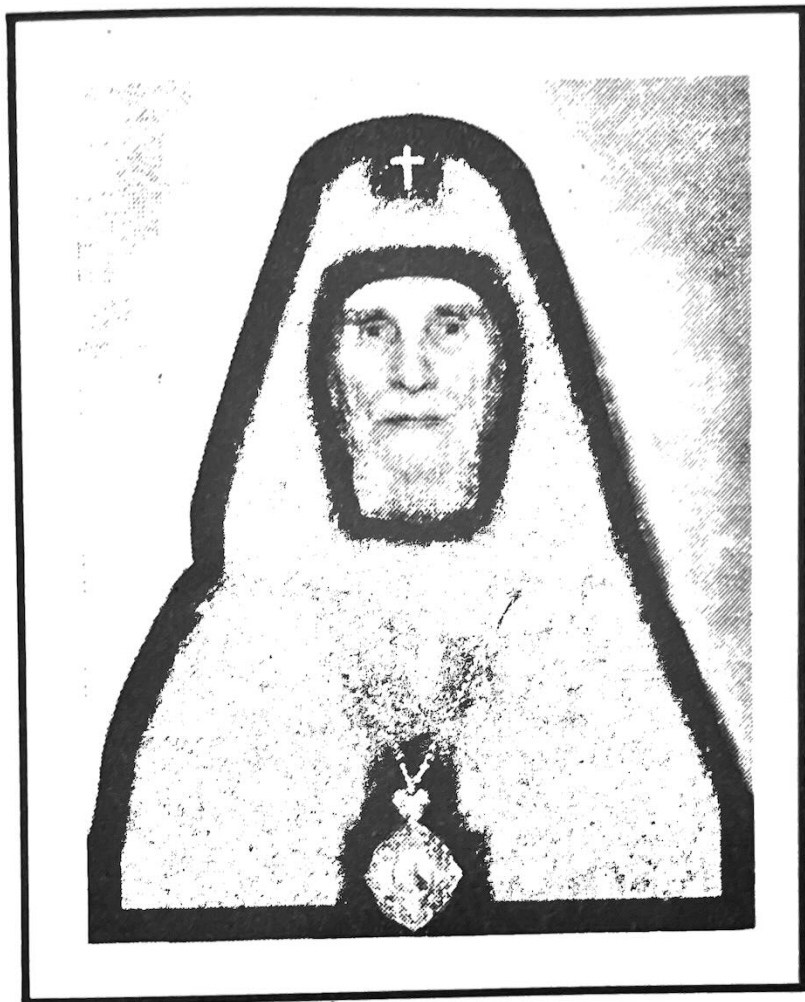
# **HIS BEATITUDE THEODOSIUS**

Archbishop of Washington,  
Metropolitan of all America and Canada  
Primate of the Orthodox Church  
in America



**THE RIGHT REVEREND  
BORIS**

Bishop of Chicago

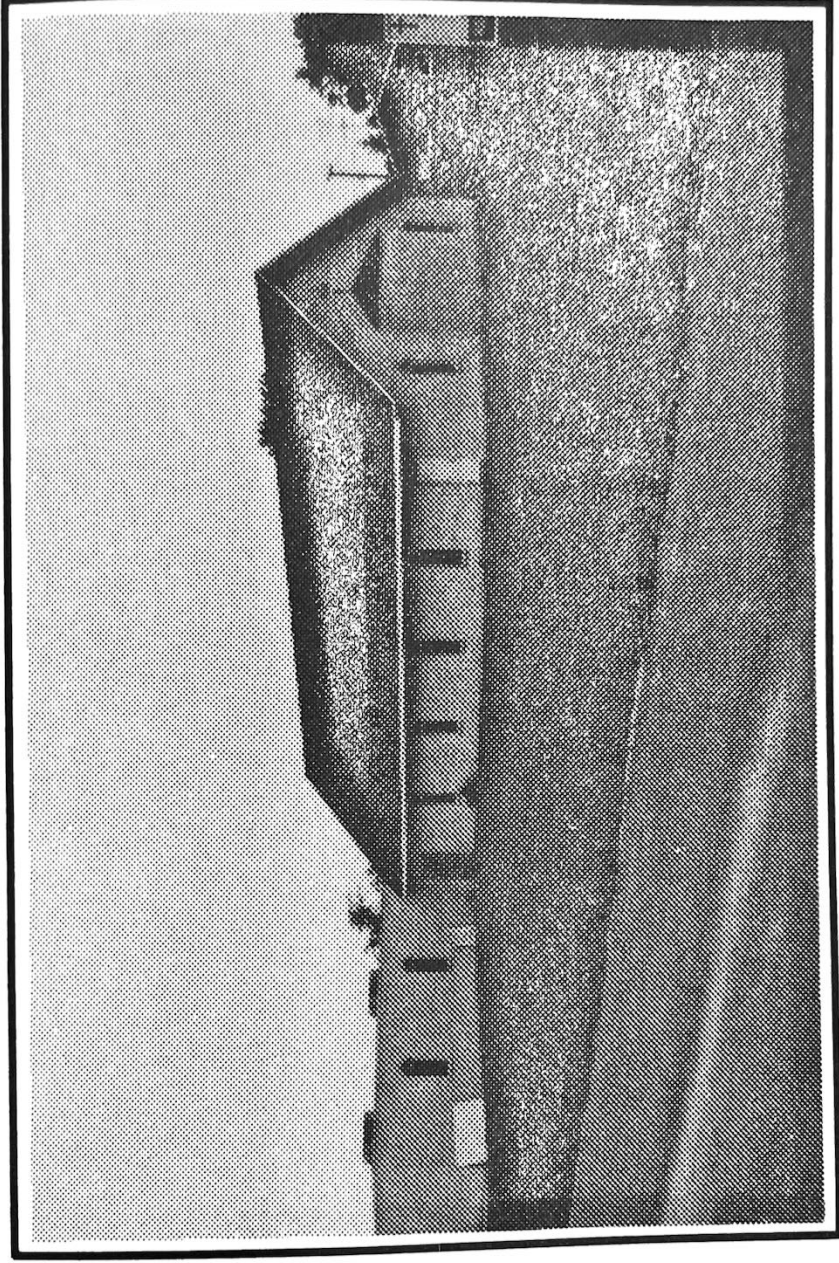


# **The Most Reverend John**

**Retired Archbishop of Chicago  
and Minneapolis**

## **A NEW BUILDING A REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The building of a new church is an event of importance. It is a once in a life time occurrence. We, of the St. Clement Ohridski American-Macedonian Orthodox Parish in the year 1981, are privileged to consecrate our new House of Worship to the Glory of God. This day would have been impossible without God...our new Church building would have never become a reality without God. He gave us the hearts which moved us to erect this building as an edifice for promoting of God's Kingdom here on earth. He gave us the spirit, which welded us together in oneness and unity to persist until this goal of our new church was reached, and He gave us the hands, which were willing to sacrifice, to work, and to pray for the completion of our new Church. Pray! Toil! Sacrifice! were the words that inspired us to fulfill our dream. We render our thanks to God, let us also ask Him to continue to bless us with His presence, so that with the same hearts, minds, unity of spirit and willing hands we may continue to expand His Kingdom here on earth for His glory and the spiritual welfare of mankind, until that day when we shall enter into that glorious Temple in the Heavens above, through faith in Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

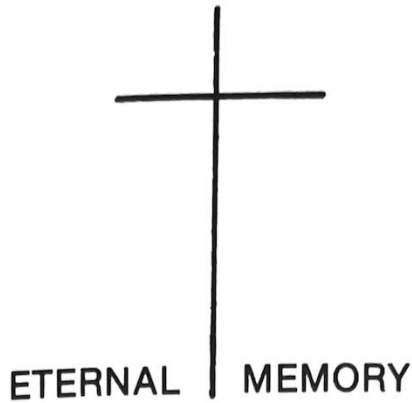


**THE ST. CLEMENT OHRIDSKI  
AMERICAN - MACEDONIAN  
ORTHODOX CHURCH**

Merrillville, Indiana



# ***IN MEMORIA***



## **MEMBERS WHO ARE DECEASED:**

Tom Mitrovich  
Josif Jolevski  
Klimo Elieff  
Kristafil Trajkovski  
Pete Elieff  
Velo Mitrovich  
Bogdan Trajkovski  
Mitre Manivilovski  
Strebra Parkevich  
Velika Manivilovski  
Lenka Glegorovich  
Tasa Gulaboff

## **BURIED FROM OUR CHURCH:**

Dicho Georgiev  
Slavka Lumbarkoski  
Lazo Lambov  
Elena Christoff  
Spase Petrovski



## **VERY REV. SPIRO TANASKOSKI**

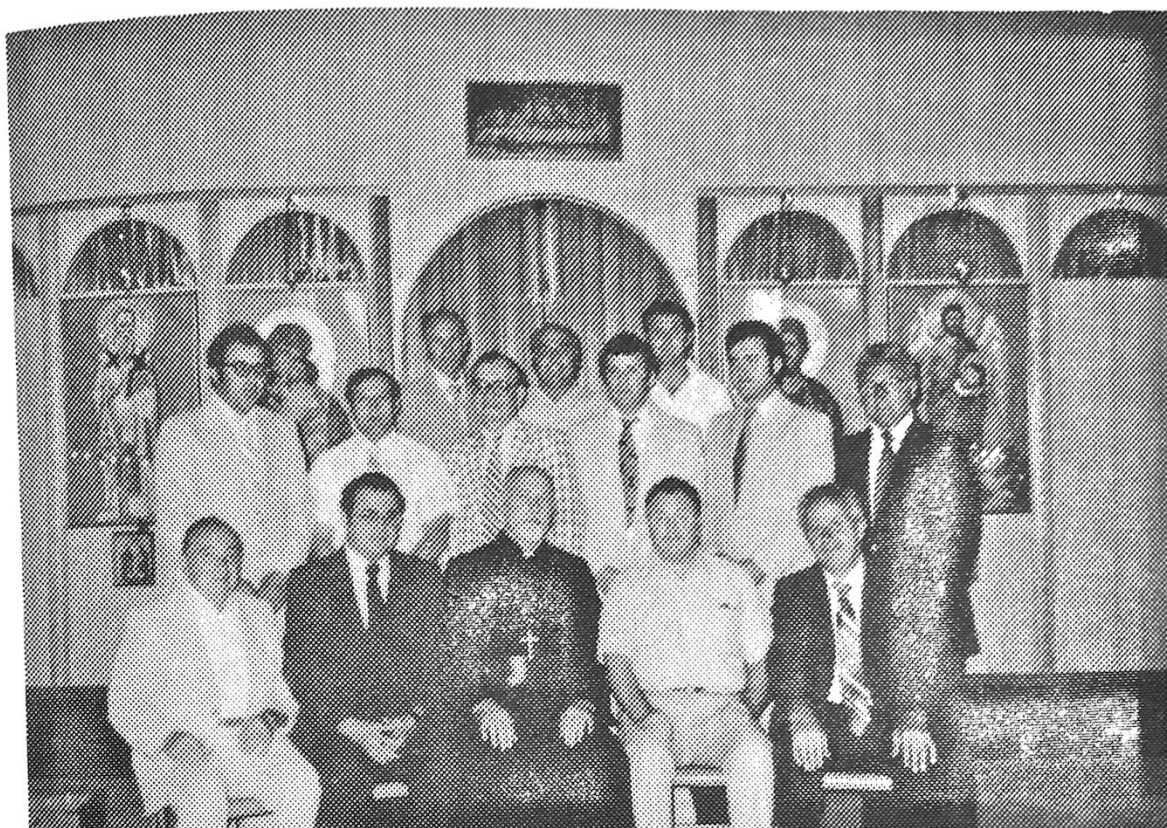
To our only beloved Pastor and his family, we of the St. Clement Ohridski Parish extend our best wishes, and ask God's Blessing for them.



## **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**Left to Right:** Clem Julovich - Fin. Sec.; Trajan Lozanoski - Treasurer;  
Very Rev. Spiro Tanaskoski - Pastor;  
Alex Sarafin - Vice-Pres.; Manoly Traycoff - President  
(Not Present: Mark Gulab - Sec.)





## PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

**1st Row:** Clēm Julovich, Alex Sarafin, Very Rev. Spiro Tanaskoski, Manoly Traycoff, Trajan Lozanoski

**2nd Row:** Zivko Naumoski, Jim Trajkovski, Chris Julovich, Zlatan Naumoski, Vangel Baloski, Van Evanoff

**3rd Row:** Pavle Lumbarkoski, Rade Vraniskoski, Jovan Juloski

(Not Present: Mark Gulab, Carl Gulab, Alex Angelov, Risto Manivilovski, Trajan BUDzevski, Filip Trajkovski, Eli Trajkovski)



## **PASTOR and OFFICERS OF ST. CLEMENT'S LADIES ORGANIZATION**

**Left to Right:** Mrs. Frank Panchak - Publicity; Very Rev. Spiro Tanaskoski - Pastor; Mrs. Vangel Baloski - Treasurer; Mrs. Zlatan Naumoski - President  
(Not Present: Mrs. Trajan Budzevski - Secretary; Mrs. Bogoja Doreski - Vice-President)



## **ST. CLEMENT ALTAR BOYS**

**Left to Right:** Thomas Naumoski, Van Evanoff Jr., Mike Manivilovski, Very Rev. Spiro Tanaskoski, Nick Trajkovski, Thomas Traycoff, Jovan Baloski

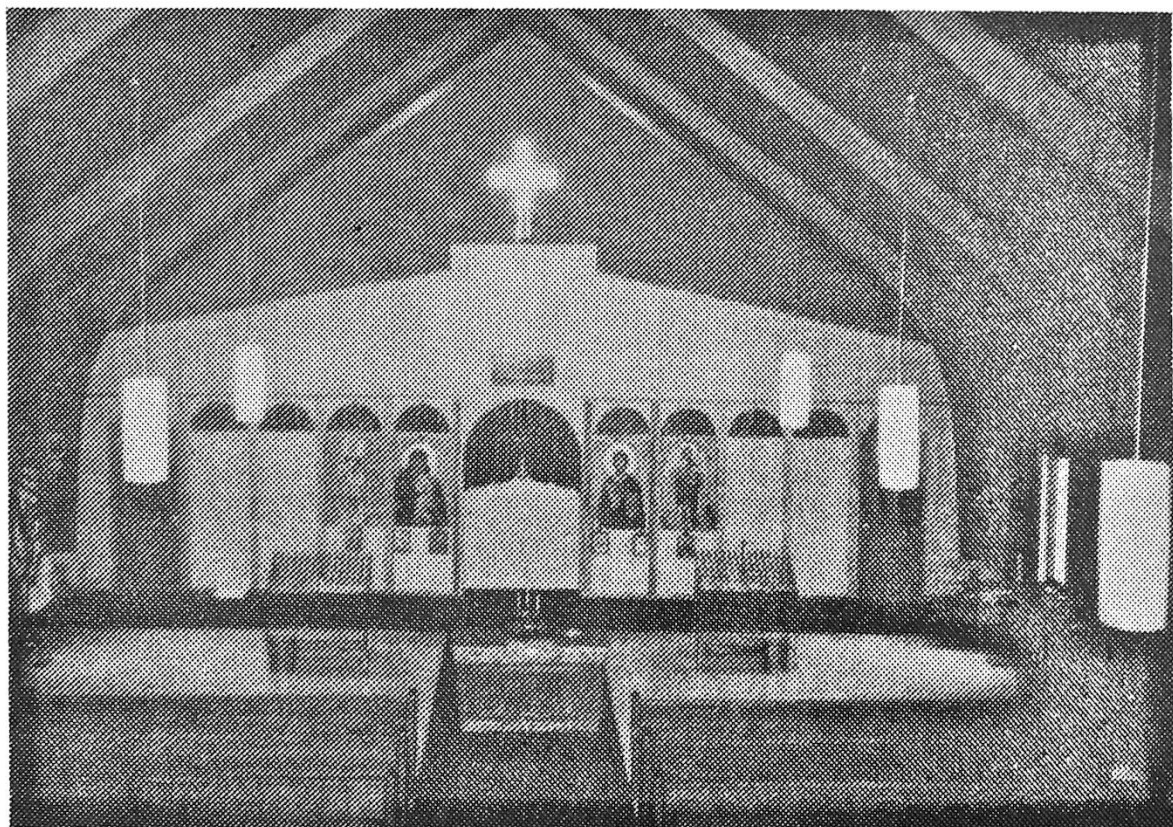
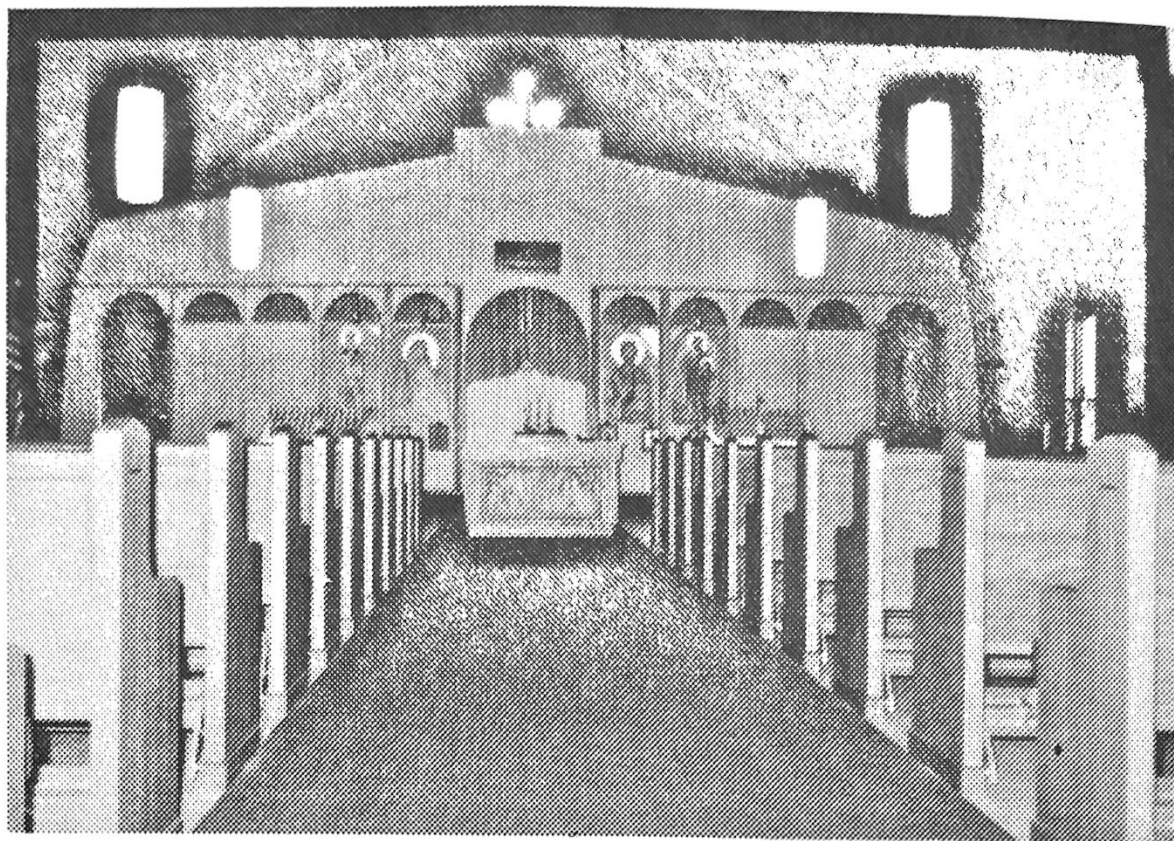


## **ST. CLEMENT CHOIR**

**1st Row:** Biliiana Manivilovski, Mrs. Frank Panchak, Mrs. Vangel Baloski, Rosa Vraniskoski, Elizabeth Tanaskoski

**2nd Row:** Pavle Lumbarkoski, Frank Panchak - Choirmaster, Very Rev. Spiro Tanaskoski, Vangel Baloski





## HISTORY OF ST. CLEMENT PARISH

A group of approximately 40 families met in early spring of 1972 to discuss the organization of a new parish in Gary to be named St. Clement of Ohridski American-Macedonian Orthodox Church and petitioned Archbishop John of the Chicago and Minneapolis Diocese for acceptance into the Orthodox Church in America. The parish priest was to be Very Rev. Spiro Tanaskoski.

The parish was accepted on May 30, 1972, by the Holy Synod of Bishops, headed by his Beatitude, Metropolitan Ireney, into the Canonical jurisdiction of the Orthodox Church in America in the Diocese of Chicago and Minneapolis. The church was the first Macedonian parish in the United States in the Orthodox Church in America.

Quickly the facilities in Gary were becoming inadequate for our expanding congregation. In 1974, the parish completed the purchase of a three acre parcel in Merrillville, Indiana where plans for a new church were being formulated. The parish increased the scope of its fund raising activities. Festivals, style shows, bake sales, dances, picnics, fish fries, assessments, personal loans and an increased effort on the part of the parishioners to increase weekly contributions helped to underwrite a steady growth of the building fund.

The flurry of activity of the next several years seems to have blended smoothly into a continuous concerted effort to bring to a culmination this great project of the St. Clement Parish. Pope Spiro's great patience and understanding provided the necessary steady hand at the tiller when our craft began to traverse rough waters. His leadership, coupled with that of the parish council was often the deciding factor in the making of crucial decisions correctly.

After ground-breaking ceremonies were held at the church building site, the reality of the existence of a new St. Clement Ohridski American-Macedonian Orthodox Church building became but a matter of time. In June 1979, we moved into our new parish. Also in 1980, the parish was proud to acquire an eleven lot site for a future picnic area.

In the nine years of existence and the tenth year of celebrating our Patron Day, the parish of St. Clement Ohridski have been blessed by the All Mighty indeed. Throughout these past several years, the congregation have worked hand in hand to provide for the people of our parish the new Church building which we consecrate today. For their untiring efforts and their unselfish devotion to the task, we of the St. Clement parish extend our congratulations to these people on the consecration of our new church.

# Past & Present Officers of St. Clement's Parish Council

**1972 - '73**

President: Eli Trajkovski  
Vice-President: Trajan Lozanoski  
Secretary: Jovan Juloski  
Treasurer: Van Evanoff  
Parish Priest: Very Rev. Spiro Tanaskoski

## BOARD MEMBERS

Carl Gulab	Pavle Lumbarkoski
Tom Mitrovich (Deceased)	Alex Sarafin
Alex Nedanovich	Vangel Baloski
Clem Julovich	Tome Ilieski
Manoly Traycoff	Bogoja Doreski
Lambe Budzakoski	Mito Lozevski
Pete Julovich	Josif Jolevski (Deceased)
	Tome Trpkovski

**1974 - '75**

President: Trajan Lozanoski  
Vice-President: Josif Jolevski (Deceased)  
Vice-President: Alex Sarafin  
Secretary: Eli Trajkovski  
Treasurer: Pete Julovich  
Fin. Secretary: Clem Julovich  
Parish Priest: Very Rev. Spiro Tanaskoski

## BOARD MEMBERS

Van Evanoff	Trajan Budzevski
Pavle Lumbarkoski	Carl Gulab
Alex Nedanovich	Zlatan Naumovski
Vangel Baloski	Nikola Tanchevski
Lambe Budzakoski	Jim Trajkovski
Tom Ilieski	Manoly Traycoff
Filip Trajkovski	

**1976**

President: Manoly Traycoff  
Vice-President: Pete Julovich  
Secretary: Alex Sarafin  
Treasurer: Jim Trajkovski  
Fin. Secretary: Clem Julovich  
Parish Priest: Very Rev. Spiro Tanaskoski

## BOARD MEMBERS

Van Evanoff	Lambe Budzakoski
Pavle Lumbarkoski	Filip Trajkovski
Alex Nedanovich	Trajan Lozanoski
Trajan Budzevski	Eli Trajkovski
Carl Gulab	Mito Lozevski
Nickola Tanchevski	Rade Vraniskoski
Stoyan Strezovski	Alex Angelov

**1977**

President: Manoly Traycoff  
Vice-President: Alex Sarafin  
Secretary: Pete Julovich  
Treasurer: Jim Trajkovski  
Fin. Secretary: Clem Julovich  
Parish Priest: Very Rev. Spiro Tanaskoski

**1978 - '79**

President: Manoly Traycoff  
Vice-President: Alex Sarafin  
Secretary: Jim Trajkovski  
Treasurer: Eli Trajkovski  
Fin. Secretary: Clem Julovich  
Parish Priest: Very Rev. Spiro Tanaskoski

### **BOARD MEMBERS 1977, 1978 & 1979**

Van Evanoff	Steve Elieff
Pavle Lumbarkoski	Trajan Lozanoski
Alex Nedanovich	Eli Trajkovski
Trajan Budzevski	Mito Lozevski
Carl Gulab	Rade Vraniskoski
Lambe Budzakoski	Alex Angelov
Filip Trajkovski	

**1980**

President: Manoly Traycoff  
Vice-President: Alex Sarafin  
Secretary: Mark Gulab  
Treasurer: John Juloski  
Fin. Secretary: Clem Julovich  
Parish Priest: Very Rev. Spiro Tanaskoski

**1981**

President: Manoly Traycoff  
Vice-President: Alex Sarafin  
Secretary: Mark Gulab  
Treasurer: Trajan Lozanoski  
Fin. Secretary: Clem Julovich  
Parish Priest: Very Rev. Spiro Tanaskoski

### **BOARD MEMBERS 1980 & 1981**

Carl Gulab	Zivko Naumoski
Van Evanoff	Zlatan Naumoski
Pavle Lumbarkoski	Risto Manivilovski
Jim Trajkovski	Trajan Budzevski
Eli Trajkovski	Alex Angelov
Filip Trajkovski	Rade Vraniskoski
Lambe Budzakoski	Vangel Baloski

## **PAST & PRESENT SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**

Mrs. Frank Panchak  
Mrs. Alex Sarafin  
Mrs. Steve Sarafin  
Mrs. Stoyan Strezovski  
Mrs. Robert Gomez  
Miss Vicki Mitrovich

Mrs. Jovan Juloski  
Mrs. Van Evanoff  
Mrs. Jim Trajkovski  
Mrs. Trajan Budzevski  
Mrs. Tom Glegorovich  
Miss Sandy Trajkovski

## **EPITROPES OF ST. CLEMENT**

Clem Julovich  
Alex Nedanovich

Slave Budzakoski  
Alex Angelov  
Carl Gulab

## **ALTAR BOYS (Past & Present)**

Mark Gulab  
Jim Julovich  
Dan Julovich  
Tom Lozanoski  
Paul Lozanoski  
Thomas Traycoff  
Christ Trajkovski  
Chris Sarafin  
Paul Sarafin

Jim Strezovski  
Tony Trpkovski  
Paul Trpkovski  
Gordon Kruschanovski  
Jovan Baloski  
Van Evanoff Jr.  
Thomas Naumoski  
Mike Manivolovski  
Nick Trajkovski



## **CHOIR MEMBERS (Past & Present)**

**Director .... Mr. Frank Panchak**

Mrs. Vangel Baloski  
Mrs. Alex Sarafin  
Mrs. Jim Trajkovski  
Miss Vicki Mitrovich  
Mrs. Frank Panchak  
Miss Dorine Lumbarkoski  
Mrs. Dragan Kutanovski  
Miss Donna Budzakoski  
Miss Mary Budzakoski  
Miss Gina Juloski  
Miss Gail Juloski  
Miss Sandy Trajkovski  
Miss Linda Trajkovski  
Miss Jasmina Vraniskoski  
Miss Roza Vraniskoski  
Miss Elizabeth Tanaskoski  
Miss Biliana Manivilovskii  
Miss Susie Evanoff  
Miss Dimitra Glegorovich  
Miss Nancy Strezoski  
Mr. Alex Nedanovich  
Mr. Eli Trajkovski  
Mr. Vangel Baloski  
Mr. Pavle Lumbarkoski  
Mr. Jim Trajkovski

## **PAST & PRESENT OFFICERS OF THE LADIES ORGANIZATION**

- 1972 - '73** President: Mrs. Vera Jolevski  
Vice-President: Mrs. Nick Tanchevski  
Secretary: Mrs. Zee Mitrovich  
Treasurer: Mrs. Vangel Baloski  
Publicity: Mrs. Frank Panchak
- 1974 - '75** President: Mrs. Stoyan Strezovski  
Vice-President: Mrs. Zlatan Naumoski  
Secretary: Mrs. Alex Sarafin  
Treasurer: Mrs. Van Evanoff  
Publicity: Mrs. Frank Panchak
- 1976** President: Mrs. Vera Jolevski  
Vice-President: Mrs. Vangel Baloski  
Secretary: Mrs. Trajan Budzevski  
Treasurer: Mrs. Van Evanoff  
Publicity: Mrs. Frank Panchak
- 1977 - '78** President: Mrs. Robert Gomez  
Vice-President: Mrs. Alex Sarafin  
Secretary: Mrs. Jim Trajkovski  
Treasurer: 1977 - Mrs. Carl Gulab  
1978 - Mrs. Van Evanoff  
Publicity: Mrs. Frank Panchak
- 1979** President: Mrs. Alex Angelov  
Vice-President: Mrs. Tome Trpkovski  
Secretary: Sveta Tanaskoski  
Treasurer: Mrs. Donna Evanoff  
Publicity: Mrs. Frank Panchak
- 1980** President: Mrs. Stoyan Strezovski  
Vice-President: Mrs. Bogoja Doreski  
Secretary: Mrs. Trajan Budzevski  
Treasurer: Mrs. Vangel Baloski  
Publicity: Mrs. Frank Panchak
- 1981** President: Mrs. Zlatan Naumoski  
Vice-President: Mrs. Bogoja Doreski  
Secretary: Mrs. Trajan Budzevski  
Treasurer: Mrs. Vangel Baloski  
Publicity: Mrs. Frank Panchak



